



English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18th, 2017
7:30 PM
Williamsburg Public Library
300 W State St

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair alternate Jack Seward (Washington County), at 7:37 PM.

- **Introductions**

Board Members: Jack Seward (Vice Chair (Alternate) – Washington County), Mick Berg (Keokuk County), Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Kate Giannini (At Large – Washington SWCD).

Others: Jody Bailey (Secretary/Project Coordinator), Larry Wilson (Poweshiek County), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Ashlee Johannes (IWA Flood Resilience Coordinator), Valerie Decker (University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment), Breanna Shea (Iowa Flood Center), Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering), Jessica Turba (Homeland Security – Emergency Management), Kevin Griggs (Emmons and Olivier Resources), Jeff Geerts (Iowa Economic Development Authority), Greg LeFevre (University of Iowa – Environmental Engineering)

- **Additions to/Approval of Agenda**

M/S/ by Phillips/Kennett

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Action)**

- February 16, 2017

M/S/ by Phillips/Kennett. Motion passed.

- **National Disaster Resiliency – Iowa Watershed Approach Project Partners**

- Flood Resiliency – Craig Just, Ashlee Johannes

Just provided an overview of the Resiliency component of the Iowa Watershed Approach project and how these assessments will inform future hazard mitigation and watershed plans in the project watersheds. A discussion took place following the presentation.

- Hydrologic Assessment Update – Allen Bradley

Bradley presented on the research his team is currently working for the English River Watershed, which includes mapping of best management practices in high priority subwatersheds, and utilizing the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework tool to identify target areas for future implementation. A discussion followed his presentation.

- Planning Services Contract Recommendation – Mary Beth Stevenson, IDNR (Discussion/Action)

Stevenson provided an overview of the proposals submitted to provide planning services for the English River Watershed through the Iowa Watershed Approach project. The review committee, which consisted of English River WMA Board members and representatives of partner agencies, recommended the City of Kalona's proposal.

M/S by Giannini and Kennett to award the planning contract to the City of Kalona. Motion passed.

- **Organizational**

- Proposed Workplan for ERW Planning Services – Jody Bailey

Bailey led a discussion on subwatershed planning for the English River watershed and a proposed workplan for the project.

- Subwatershed Prioritization – Jody Bailey, (Discussion/Action)

Bailey led a discussion on priority subwatersheds in the English River watershed and the ranking criteria, including HUD eligibility criteria for implementation funding. Bailey asked the Board to narrow the original list (of 8 subwatersheds) down to 4 target subwatersheds for the implementation component of the IWA.

The following subwatersheds were selected: Middle English River (Iowa County), the Headwaters of the North English River (Poweshiek County), Gritter Creek (Iowa County), and the Middle North English River (Iowa County).

M/S by Berg/Phillips to select the above four subwatershed areas for implementation funding.

- Iowa WMA Collective Meeting, 5/23 10:00 a – 2:00 p, Iowa Falls

Bailey invited Board members to attend a meeting in Iowa Falls on behalf of the English River WMA, that is being held to explore convening a statewide WMA collective.

- **Announcements**

- 2017 Board Meetings

August 17th @ 6:30 PM, Montezuma *or* Grinnell Public Library

November 16th @ 6:30 PM, Sigourney Public Library

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

Chairperson

Date